

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office has prepared this flyer as an informational guide to agency policy and statutory regulations regarding the lawful operation of motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles within Coconino County's jurisdiction.

It is important for operators of these types of vehicles to be knowledgeable of all the statutes pertaining to the lawful operation of motorcycles and ATV's when they are being driven within the county. The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is required by law to enforce all licensing, use and operating laws concerning the operation of these vehicles. We encourage operators to familiarize themselves with all applicable laws as prescribed by Arizona Revised Statutes under title 13 (criminal code) and title 28 (traffic enforcement code).

Generally, motor vehicles including motorcycles and ATV's that operate on highways as defined in state law must comply with state requirements for registration, license, insurance and equipment. State Law applies on Forest Service and BLM administered roads, and therefore, to the extent a road on public land is open to vehicular travel, motorcycles and ATV's must also comply with state laws when operating on those roads.

- Any motorcycle or ATV being operated on a "street" or "highway" is required to be registered, insured and the drivers are required to possess the appropriate driver's license endorsements. A vehicle registered as "Off-Road" is not entitled to be driven on a public highway.
- All persons under the age of 18 are required to have helmet. (This is required **everywhere** within the State of Arizona, including private property.)
- All persons are required to have eye protection. (This is required **everywhere** within the State of Arizona, including private property.)
- Parents should be aware that under ARS 28-3474, Permitting unauthorized minor to drive, they may be held accountable for actions of their minor children who operate these vehicles.

As by definition the above requirements also apply to the shoulders of all roadways.

As of July 18, 2000 an All-Terrain vehicle or an off-road recreational motor vehicle operating on a dirt road that is located in an unincorporated area of this state, is exempt from registration and financial responsibility requirements. For the purpose of this paragraph, "dirt road" means an unpaved or ungraveled road that is not maintained by this state or a city, town, or county of this state. (ARS 28-2153 and ARS 28-4132) Generally, this exemption **does not apply** if the dirt road has been improved or maintained by federal, state, county, city or town, street district, or private landowner – unless signed "private".

"The use of [private] property to ride O.H.V.'s for recreational purposes is a violation of Coconino County Ordinance Section 9.1." Refer to the Coconino County Planning and Zoning Department for further.

ARS 28-101.51 "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way if a part of the way is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

The same traffic laws that apply to cars also apply to ATV's.

Arizona State Law (A.R.S. 28-921 to 28-966) requires the following equipment for these vehicles to operate on a public highway:

1. Horn
2. Rearview Mirror
3. Muffler
4. Brake system approved by Motor Vehicle Department
5. Headlight
6. Tail Lamp
7. Stop Light
8. License Plate Light
9. Fuel Tank Cap
10. If a passenger is being carried, a seat, foot rest, and hand rails are required for the passenger.



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Motorcycle & ATV Guidelines

** All information in this flyer is subject to change but is valid as of March 7, 2004.